

5 **Amendments in the Claims:** (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

1. (currently amended) A tool for removing a pivot pin from a hinge, said tool comprising:

a primary plate having a front side, a back side, a top edge, a bottom edge and a pair of lateral edges; ~~and~~

10 a rigid panel being attached to said top edge and extending away from said front side at a generally perpendicular angle with respect to a longitudinal axis of said primary plate, said panel having a forward edge having a slot extending therein, said slot being adapted for receiving a body portion of the pivot pin, said forward edge being angled back from a bottom side to a top side of said panel; and

15 a striking plate being attached to said bottom edge, said striking plate being generally co-planar with said primary plate, said striking plate having a width greater than a width of said bottom edge.

20 2. (original) The tool of claim 1, wherein said primary plate has length from said top edge to said back edge generally between 4 inches and 8 inches, said primary plate having a width adjacent to said top edge from a first of said lateral edges to a second of said lateral edges generally between 1 inch and 2 inches, said width being tapered inward from said top edge to said bottom edge.

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3. (original) The tool of claim 1, wherein said panel has a height from said top side to said bottom side generally between 1/8 inch and 3/16 inch.

4. (original) The tool of claim 1, further including a gripping sheath being positioned on and extending around said primary plate.

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5. (original) The tool of claim 4, wherein said gripping sheath comprises an elastomeric material.

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Claims 6 and 7 (cancelled)

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8. (original) A tool for removing a pivot pin from a hinge, said tool comprising:

10 a primary plate having a front side, a back side, a top edge, a bottom edge and a pair of lateral edges, said primary plate having length from said top edge to said back edge generally between 4 inches and 8 inches, said primary plate having a width adjacent to said top edge from a first of said lateral edges to a second of said lateral edges generally between 1 inch and 2 inches, said width being tapered inward from said top edge to said bottom edge;

15 a rigid panel being attached to said top edge and extending away from said front side at a generally perpendicular angle with respect to a longitudinal axis of said primary plate, said panel having a forward edge having a slot extending therein, said slot being adapted for receiving a body portion of the pivot pin, said forward edge being angled back from a bottom side to a top side of said panel, said panel having a height from said top side to said bottom side generally between 1/8 inch and 3/16 inch;

20 a gripping sheath being positioned on and extending around said primary plate, said gripping sheath comprising an elastomeric material; and

25 a striking plate being attached to said bottom edge, said striking plate being generally co-planar with said primary plate, said striking plate having a width greater than a width of said bottom edge.